

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as indicated below:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 27 through page 6, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

--The SI block copolymer comprises about 10 to about 40% of the total adhesive composition, preferably about 13 to about 27%, more preferably from about 14 to about 22% of the total adhesive composition. The SI block copolymer may be a mixture of SIS triblock and SI diblock components containing from about 5 to about 80% by weight styrene-isoprene diblock component, preferably about 40 to about 60%, and more preferably about 50 to about 58% styrene-isoprene diblock component. The SI block copolymer may be of a multi-arm radial nature with a structure of  $(SI)_n$ , where  $n > 2$ . Preferred SI block copolymers include, but are not limited to Kraton<sup>TM</sup> D1107 (a linear SIS copolymer having a reported specific gravity of 0.92, a Melt Index of 10 g/10 min, a styrene content of 14.5-15.5 % weight and a diblock content of 15%), Kraton<sup>TM</sup> D1112 (a linear SIS copolymer having a reported specific gravity of 0.92, a Melt Index of 23 g/10 min, a styrene content of 13.3-16.3 % weight and a diblock content of 38%) and Kraton<sup>TM</sup> D1113 (a linear SIS copolymer having a reported specific gravity of 0.92, a Melt Index of 24 g/10 min, a styrene content of 15.1-17.3 % weight and a diblock content of 55%) elastomers available from Kraton Polymers U.S. LLC, Houston, Texas, USA; Quintac<sup>TM</sup> 3620 (a hybrid (mixed linear and radial polymer) SIS copolymer having a reported Melt Index of 9 g/10 min, a styrene content of 13.3-15.3 % weight and a diblock content of 12%), Quintac<sup>TM</sup> 3433N (a linear SIS copolymer having a reported Melt Index of 12 g/10 min, a styrene content of 15.5-17.5 % weight and a diblock content of 56%) and Quintac<sup>TM</sup> 3520 (a linear SIS copolymer having a reported Melt Index of 7 g/10 min, a styrene content of 14.0-16.0 % weight and a diblock content of 78%) available from Zeon Chemicals, LLP, Louisville, Kentucky, USA; and Exxon<sup>TM</sup> DPX565 (having a reported Melt Index of 16 g/10 min, a styrene content of 14.8-16.2 % weight and a diblock content of 55%), Exxon<sup>TM</sup> DPX586 (a radial  $(SI)_n$ SI block copolymer having a reported Melt Index of 35g/10 min, a styrene content of 17.0-18.5 % weight and a diblock content of 77%) and Vector 4230 (a radial  $(SI)_n$  block copolymer having a reported specific gravity of 0.94, a Melt Index of 14 g/10 min, a styrene content of 20.0 % weight and a diblock content of 30%) available from Exxon Mobil Corporation, Houston, Texas, USA.